The regular meeting of the Town Council convened on the above date in the temporary municipal building at 7:30 P.M. with Mayor B.E. Ball presiding.

The following members of the Town Council were present and answered to roll call: Ball, King, Umstead.

In response to notices, given the taxi operators listed below appeared before council for renewal of their taxi license for the current year 1953.

The following operators together with the number of taxis they wished licensed appeared; and on motion prevailing were unanimously approved by council. Robert L. Maggard, 1; Mosco Reed, 1; Paul Adnerson, 1; Huey Greear, 1; Willard Williams, 1; Bascom Collier, 1; Garland Bartee, 1; Charlie Massey, 2; N.W. Stallard, 1; J. . Johnston, 1; Geoffrey Castle, 2; G.H. Green, 1; Albert Doby, 1.

Mr. Emmet Swindell and Mr. A.J. Sluss appeared before council relative to the issuance of new taxi operating permits. The town manager advised that the application of Emmet Swindell met the approval of the police department and town manager and that the investigation of Sluss by the police department was not completed at this time. On Motion prevailing the application for taxi license of Emmett Swindell was approved and the application of A.J. Sluss was approved subject to the approval of the town manager and police department.

Mr. H.M. Massey appeared before council relative to the issuance of a taxi operators permit for two taxis further requested that permission be granted for the use of Lots 14 and 15 in Block 9 of the Norton Plat for a taxi stand and parking lot.

For the information of Mr. Umstead, Mr. McCord advised of council's previous action on applications for the use of this property as a taxi stand and used car lot and further advised in the two previous cases the applications were denied and he also recommended the same action in this case.

A motion was duly approved granting permission to Mr. H.M. Massey to operate a cab stand on Lots 14 and 15, Block 9, Norton Plat and further authorized the removal of the necessary parking meters to facilitate ingress and egress. A motion prevailed that the town manager and town attorney prepare a suitable agreement to be entered into by the town and Mr. Massey to operate a parking lot in conjunction with the taxi stand aforementioned, such agreement to provide that full and adequate insurance will be obtain d by Mr. Massey to protect the town from any possible liability as a result of parking fees, proper provision for pedestrian warning and a renewal clause.

Mr. Hud Collier, representing Mr. Jim Vaughn, T/A the Sportscenter appeared before council and applied for a pool room license and on motion duly seconded the application was approved.

The application of Bertha Thompson for an on-off premise beer license was presented and on motion duly seconded was approved.

The application of Daniel Dotson for an on-off premise beer license was presented and on motion duly seconded and approved.

Mr. McCord advised that since the last meeting of town council for several reasons it was necessary to distribute invitations to bid on a new police car. He further advised that these bids were to be opened

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at this time and the Mayor then instructed the town manager to open the bids which are tabulated below: Witt Motor Co., Net \$625.42; Super Service garage Net \$1400.00; Greever Motor Sales, Net \$376.76.

On the basis of the above wids a motion prevailed that the contract of furnishing a new police car to the Town of Norton be granted Greever Motor Sales. It was suggested that the budget limitation permitted that an 8 cylinder car be procurred instead of the six cylinder and a motion was entered as a result of this suggest and it was further provded that the cost should not exceed \$150.00. Roll call vote, all voted YEA.

Mr. McCord reported that effective February 1st Mr. John Polly was employed as a town patrolman to replace G.E. Rasnick, resigned.

Mr. McCord reported that Mr. E.H. Ruehl, representing R. Stuart Royer and Associates had been down and examined the test holes dug in the eservoir area and that the next step will be to survey.

A discussion took place on the speed at which the fire equipment answeres the fire alarms. It was noted that the fire department does not appear to be as prompt since the installation of the new fire siren. Therefore, the town manager was instructed to contact the supplier of this piece of apparatus and obtain their recommendations.

It was suggested that a report be obtained from the school board concerning the status of the school construction program and it was further suggested that a report of town finances be reveiwed as well as the town personnel situation as applies to number and salaries paid.

Thefe being no further business before the council same adjourned.

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